

"THE MAN WHO CAN'T HOLD A JOB HAS NO RIGHT TO BE LOOKING FOR A POSITION," SAYS THE OLD MAN OF FOGGY BOTTOM

Jack Dempsey Deserves Chance To Face Willard For Big Title

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Colorado Slugger Rushes Ahead In One Year of Sleep Punching

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DEMPSEY EARNS CHANCE TO BATTLE TITLEHOLDER

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If William Harrison "Jack" Dempsey is chosen to oppose Jess Willard on July 4 for the world's heavyweight championship, the fistic world of America will be well satisfied and Dempsey will have established a record hard to better: that of forging to the front in one year by a string of fifteen knockouts. Dempsey has done all that could have been expected of him. He has earned the right to meet Willard for the world's title.

As between Dempsey and Carpentier, the French champion, the American heavyweight appears to have far and away more claims for consideration. He first appeared in the ring in 1915, while Carpentier ceased boxing with the call to arms in France. Dempsey's entire ring record has been made since Carpentier forsook ring togs for those of war.

With a bout scheduled for July, very probably on July 4, the Nation's Birthday, it is doubtful if Carpentier could get into sufficiently good shape to make a respectable contest against the world's behemoth titleholder. Army experience, coupled with a couple of wounds, do not make for strength or endurance in the ring. On the other hand, Jack Dempsey's entire career has been practically within a year.

A year ago Dempsey was hardly known to ring followers anywhere east of the Rockies. He had fought some four-round bouts in San Francisco, winning and losing with Willie Meahan, and defeating such dubs as Bob McAllister, Gunboat Smith, and Carl Morris, all in four-round contests.

Then along came Jack Kearns, a wise hand and a good press agent. He proceeded to bring Dempsey East, issuing varied challenges aimed at Jess Willard and Fred Fulton. Willard paid no attention to them. Fulton didn't at first, but finally he was compelled to pay some attention to a man who was going around and putting to sleep every available heavyweight he could find.

Takes His Revenge. "Fireman" Jim Flynn, the veteran, had dropped Dempsey in one round at Salt Lake City on February 13, 1917, and one of Dempsey's first stunts was to revenge himself for that defeat. He returned the compliment at Fort Sheridan, putting Flynn to sleep in the first round.

Two weeks after the Flynn bout he knocked out Knockout Bill Brennan, the Chicago heavyweight, in six rounds. Billy Miske, though badly pounded, managed to weather ten rounds at St. Paul, but usually Dempsey knocked out his man. Dempsey's power as a puncher may be seen best by glancing over his record for quick knockouts. He has knocked out fourteen men in less than eighteen minutes during 1918, his speediest victory being over Fred Fulton, at Harrison, N. J. In eight seconds Fulton was listening to the birds sing.

He Took 'Em All. The best thing about Dempsey's flashy ring career of 1918 is that he has taken on each and every heavyweight of any ability. He faced some easy ones, of course, like Homer Smith, Jack Smith, Dan Ketchel, Jack Moran, and Porky Flynn, but that wasn't his fault.

That he did not dodge the better ones is shown by his battling Carl Morris twice, Billy Miske twice, Fred Fulton and Battling Levinsky. If Willard thought to shut out Dempsey's demands by sending him against Fulton, he was mistaken. Dempsey disposed of the Minnesota boxer in one round, in exactly 17.3 seconds, to be accurate. That victory really placed Dempsey on top of all the long line of challengers for the world's heavyweight honors, for Fulton had defeated such men as Sam Langford, Frank Moran, Tom Crowder, Al Reich, Charlie Weinert and Carl Morris.

Surprised Bat Levinsky. Dempsey surprised the veteran Battling Levinsky by his terrific speed. Dempsey simply would not be denied. He kept rushing into stinging jabs, landing heavy body blows. Finally he brought Levinsky down in the

Here You See All the Principals in the Plans For Big Title Bout



On top at the left is Tex Rickard, who has signed Jess Willard to an agreement calling for the defense of his world's heavyweight championship. At the right on the top is Jess Willard as he looked last summer boxing with a sparring partner at an army camp in the South. Beneath Willard is shown Georges Carpentier in his uniform of the French army. Next to him is Jack Dempsey, as he looks in the ring.



ABEL KIVIAT COMES BACK FROM SERVICE IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Abel Kiviak, one of New York's best track athletes, is home after serving in France with the Fifty-ninth Coast Artillery, the old Thirtieth, of Brooklyn. He saw active fighting on the Verdun front and in the Argonne Forest.

Kiviak holds the 1500 meter Olympic record of 3:55.8-10, and the American record for the same distance and in the same time. He finished second to Arnold Jackson, the Englishman, in the 1500 meter run at the Olympic games in Stockholm in 1912. The former Irish-American A. C. star won the national mile championship in 1911, 1912, and 1914.

MAY BATTLE HERMAN. NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 26.—Frankie Burns has signed to appear at the Sportsman's Club in the near future, and efforts are being made to sign Pete Herman, the batman champion as his opponent.

BOXING CLASS SUCCESS. NEW CASTLE, Pa., Jan. 26.—Boxing, as instituted as a part of the gymnastic work of the Y. M. C. A. here, is quite a success. About twenty of those in the gym classes are taking the instruction. They are being given mass and private lessons by Patsy Brannigan, well-known batman-weight boxer.

CONOVER COMES BACK. STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Jan. 26.—L. S. G. Conover, center and captain of the Penn State varsity eleven of 1917, has returned to college, and will resume his studies tomorrow. He will be eligible to play next fall. He has just been mustered out of the army at Camp Hancock, Ga.

STALLIONS HAVE "FLU." MACON, Ga., Jan. 26.—George S. Stallings, manager of the Boston Braves, is ill with influenza at a local hotel.



TRAIN AT CHARLOTTE. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.—Jack "Combs" Phillips will train at Charlotte, N. C., but the fans here say it isn't really matter whether they train or not.



BEN EGAN WILL CATCH. Ben Egan, the veteran catcher, will again be with the Baltimore Orioles next summer in his old position as captain and first strike backstopper.

Here Are Some Funny Baseball Tales

Every now and then the brainiest of pitchers suffer a mental lapse. Joe Wood has always been considered one of the wisest slammers in the game. He makes a careful study of opposing batters.

Forrest Cady, former battery partner of Wood at Boston, tells this at Joe's expense.

Late in a very important game with the Athletics, with the score tied, two out and the bases filled, Eddie Collins stepped up.

Joe wanted Collins to hit a bad one. The count reached three balls and two strikes. Everything depended on the next ball.

Cady called for a fast one. Wood shook his head. Cady then signaled for a curve, and again Wood shook his head. Cady decided Wood wanted to upset Collins by using his slow ball, but once again Wood replied negatively.

Cady was up in the air. The only signal he had left was a pitch-out sign, which meant a ball, the passing of the batter and forcing a run over the plate. So Cady said:

"Well, Joe, I've nothing left but the pitch-out sign. If you want to walk him, there is no need of signals." Then Wood came to. Cady called for a curve and Collins fled out.

Who Does It Now? Had George Moriarty, American League umpire, taken up boxing instead of baseball, he might have developed into a champion, because he is unusually clever in self-defense.

When he was on the Detroit Tigers, Moriarty and Cobb often disagreed and Moriarty always won the decision.

When Moriarty passed to the Chicago White Sox, one of the Tigers remarked: "Cobb will surely 'mist' him."

"In what way?" asked another Detroit fan in surprise, because he felt sure Cobb would welcome the passing of his fistic superior.

"Because George always kept Ty in great condition, chasing him out of the club house," was the response.

Don't Pay Tribute. One day when Donie Bush tried to swing from third on a fly to deep center, Tris Speaker nailed him at the plate by a wonderful throw.

TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

Fielder Jones' salary is said to have been boosted to \$15,000, and other managers began to sit up and take notice.

The lady patrons of the Minneapolis club will be at the opening game a-plenty, if Nick Altrock joins the Millers. They will be anxious to see if Nickerino is as handsome as he is touted.

Napoleon Lajoie announced a shake-up in the roster of the Cleveland club. Lajoie expected to take Bradley, Turner, Stovall, and Perrin as infielders and Flick, Goode, Rafferty, Hinchman, Clarke and Birmingham as outfielders.

was thrown out by a step. Bush was the most surprised man in the world. "Some throw," remarked one of the Tigers as Bush came back to the bench.

Ben's a Historian. Ban Johnson is one of the best posted men in baseball. Yet his greatest hobby is not the national pastime, but the study of history. President Johnson's library on the history of all nations is one of the most complete in the United States. And it's not purely ornamental, either. Johnson lets no cobwebs collect on those books.

Good Place For It. The flare-up of the Old Roman, Charley Comiskey, of the White Sox, against Ban Johnson is fraught with far more meaning than the break between Big Ben and Harry Frazee, of the Red Sox.

Commy and President Jim Dunn, of the Indians, have always been regarded as Ban's staunchest supporters. They're fellow members with Ban in the Woodland Bards, a Chicago organization of dyed-in-the-wool fans, and it was at a fanning bee of these Bards that Commy cut loose against Ban and on the side of Frazee.

Commy and Ban have had their tiffs in the past, but when the feat Commy lined up on Ban's side. Maybe it'll be so this time.

Once Ban was called upon to suspend Left Fielder Ducky Holmes, of the White Sox, during one of the hottest pennant races engaged in by the Sox in bygone years.

Ban was on a fishing trip at the time and had sent Commy a fine big trout. The trout arrived at the ballpark by messenger while Commy was still furious over Ducky's suspension.

"What'll I do with the d— fish?" shouted Commy. "Play it in left field," I suppose.

Nick Was Right. A Gypsy fortune teller was holding forth one day last summer in one of the old wooden shacks on lower Pennsylvania avenue. Nick Altrock, Washington's clown-coacher, passed and the Gypsy maiden accosted him.

"Better drop in and get a line on your future," she urged.

ton pitcher threw up a beautiful curve, with the count three balls and two strikes. The Boston club was sure the batsman had been struck, but the umpire ruled it a ball.

Before anyone had a real chance to protest, Scott, in a sarcastic voice, yelled from his position at short: "That was a curve he just threw. Are you going to start missing them, too?"

Show the Trainer. Jim Thorpe, star football player and better than the average diamond performer, has played baseball engagements in the International League, American Association, and with the National League's Cincinnati Reds and New York Giants.

Thorpe says the big league arbiters have pulled some good ones at his expense, but it took a minor league official to give him his one best laugh.

In trying to dodge a curve, the ball either struck his hand or fouled off the bat. Thorpe claimed he had been hit and thrown out, but his hand, which was swollen and bleeding, slightly. "Well what shall I do about it?" asked Thorpe, sure that he would be told to go to first base.

He Played Statue. To Hank Perry, once with the Detroit Tigers, goes the ironic cross for doing the unexpected in baseball.

Perry's fellow members with Ban in the Woodland Bards, a Chicago organization of dyed-in-the-wool fans, and it was at a fanning bee of these Bards that Commy cut loose against Ban and on the side of Frazee.

The entire team said things to Perry in the clubhouse. Imagining their feelings when Perry offered the alibi: "I crossed 'em up, didn't I? The Sox expected me to take a healthy swing. Instead I waited 'em out, and would he gotten away with it, if that batted umpire hadn't called the last one a strike."

TABERSKI AND LAYTON IN BIG MATCH AT SHERMAN'S

A match game in pocket billiards of 500 points in four blocks of 100 points each, will be played at Sherman's afternoons and evenings, January 30 and 31, by Frank Taberski and John Layton. The games will be staged in a specially built arena, where spectators will be able to witness them. George Lewis, manager at Sherman's, has made ample provision to accommodate all who may desire to attend.

Frank Taberski is champion pocket billiard player of the world, and John Layton is former champion. Taberski won the Brunswick Emblem from Layton in a closely contested match at Solida, Md., Layton's home town, about a year ago. He has defended it for the required time from all challenges, and came into permanent possession of the trophy January 4, defeating Ralph Greenleaf a second time in Milwaukee. He is in the class with Roppe and Kieffer, of ballkline and three-cushion fame. He can now reject challenges or play them on his own terms and at his leisure.

NIEHOFF MAY MANAGE. NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Bert Niehoff has been granted permission by Manager McGraw to negotiate for a place as manager of a minor league club. If he fails he may go South with the Giants. He says his leg, broken last season in a collision with Ross Young, has recovered its former strength.